

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled. New claims 17-38 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 17-38 remain pending.

Applicant thanks Examiner Queler for the courtesies he extended during an Examiner interview on June 29, 2005. Examiner Queler agreed at the interview that a final first office action would not be issued in view of the present claim amendments and the Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter not described in the specification as to enable one skilled in the art. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanson (U.S. Pat. No. 5,936,736) in view of Popp (U.S. Pat. No. 6,651,108). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled. New claims 17-38 are believed to be allowable.

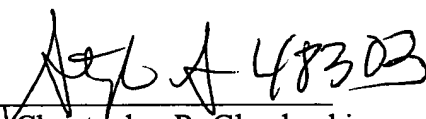
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in facilitating prosecution of the case, the

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Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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